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Mrs. George E. Sturk, aged 54 years, died yesterday after a long illness. She is survived by her husband, three children, Elmer H. Sturk, Miss Ella Sturk, and Miss Annie Sturk, sister, Mrs. Harvey Bragdon of Franklin, Me., and two brothers. She was born Isabelle Hartwell, daughter of the late James and Dorcas Hartwell of Franklin, Me. She was married 25 years ago. During the seven years they have lived here, the Sturks have made many friends. Mrs. Sturk being a particularly industrious and neighborly woman, a true wife and indulgent mother. The funeral will occur at 2 o'clock tomorrow, Rev. J. Wesley Miller officiating, with interment at Fairview cemetery.

Mrs. C. H. J. Ryden has arrived from England, after a visit of several months.

Mrs. Asa Snelling, aged 80 years, died at her home in Lyndon last Tuesday. Her son, F. B. Snelling, started on that day to see her, knowing that she was much worse, but failed to see her alive. Mrs. Snelling has visited her son quite often, including several weeks early in the year. Mrs. F. B. Snelling was with her during the last few weeks of her illness.

Ada Washburn, the young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil A. Washburn, is recovering from a serious attack of jaundice.

The next meeting of the Woman's club will be held next Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. Lee Cady. Mrs. J. Chas. Gillett of Randolph Center and Mrs. Ella K. Johnson of Randolph will be present to address the members.

Romano Spaulding has finished the trapping season and returned home to Rochester.

RANDOLPH

Since filing articles for incorporation the L. W. Webster corporation has filed a request to amend the previous provision of the papers, so that they buy and sell real estate. These officers were recently elected at a meeting of the stockholders: George A. Chedel, president; Dr. F. C. Angell, vice-president; L. W. Webster, treasurer and manager; H. F. Tison, clerk.

Mrs. Charles Arnold of Gayville underwent an operation at the sanatorium on Sunday afternoon.

Dr. F. C. Angell, G. W. Scott, A. C. Bailey and L. A. Russell went to Montpelier Tuesday night to attend a quarterly meeting of the Washington County Medical society. Dr. Angell gave a talk on X-ray work in the A. E. F.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McGiffin of Northfield were guests at the home of E. E. Neill the first of the week.

Eugene Mazzolini of South Royalton came on Friday for a short stay with his mother, Mrs. Louis Mazzolini, and other relatives.

The modern health crusade has been taken up in some of the rural schools in West Brookfield, where Miss Freida Prince teaches, and 12 children have earned the rank of page.

Mrs. J. H. Lamson and Miss Mary, her daughter, have closed their home on School street and gone to the inn to board through the cold weather.

Miss Lottie Merrill passed Sunday with friends in Barre, returning the first of the week to attend to her duties in the Thomas store.

Rev. Fraser Metzger spoke in Brandon on Monday night at a get-together for the community.

Miss Bessie Bliss, who has been some time with her grandmother, Mrs. G. F. Jones, has gone to Ipswich to pass the winter with her mother, and Mrs. Jones will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. George Finney.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Morse have bought the house on Summer street, which they occupy, of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Morse of Brookfield.

EAST CORINTH

The Woman's Missionary union held its annual meeting with Mrs. R. D. Rowland Wednesday afternoon. The traveling was the worst ever sort, but a fair number were in attendance, and a good meeting was enjoyed. The reports of secretary and treasurer were encouraging, showing a prosperous year.

The old board of officers was elected: President, Miss H. E. James; vice-president, Mrs. Fillette Darling; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. H. Thompson; recording secretary, Susie T. Taplin; treasurer, Mrs. L. L. Worthley; in charge of publicity and junior work, Mrs. W. H. Thompson, and the usual committees.

Sunday was every-member canvass day in the church, but the clouds have not come in, so nothing definite is known, but good results are expected.

The deer season is over and still there are deer left, and this section no accident reported. Warren Erwin, Abner White, and Harry Berry and Lloyd Sweet together, got deer Friday.

A great many people are having hard colds, some of them confined to the house. Dr. Deming keeps busy and we are as glad to have a doctor as the rest of the world seems to be having us, judging by newspaper comments from all over the state.

E. H. White is not as well. His suffering is intense.

We have had quite a cold snap that makes us think we are glad of plenty of good dry weather and snow. The fellow who has a short supply. Only a small amount of snow.

Mrs. J. A. Dimock was in Worcester, Mass., Saturday and spoke before a meeting of agriculturists.

EAST CALAIS

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Gray were in Montpelier three days this week, delegates to state grange.

Frank Ladeu has returned from a week's visit in Essex county.

Supt. C. J. Batchelder of Cabot was a business visitor in the village Tuesday.

Mrs. Guy Bancroft is teaching the Carnes school this winter.

E. M. Ide was a business visitor in Craftsbury Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Hawkins visited friends in Barre the first of the week.

Harry Martin visited in Plainfield the last of the week.

Miss Pearl Bullock was in Barre on Monday.

Mrs. Engel, a trained nurse from Montpelier, is caring for Mrs. Nettie Gray, who is very sick with pneumonia.

Elmer George was a business visitor in Barre Tuesday.

George Wheelock, A. P. Cate, E. W. Cate and C. W. Bugbee were in Montpelier Wednesday to attend a meeting of the farmers' exchange.

WATERBURY

At the Congregational church tomorrow, Rev. Edward C. Hayes, pastor, the subject of his sermon will be appropriate to forefathers' day. At the prayer meeting Thursday evening, Miss Mae Seabury and E. G. Miller were elected delegates to the county inter-church world movement conference, to be held in Montpelier next week.

At the Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. G. H. Locke, pastor, will preach Sunday morning and will give a short address in the evening, with popular song service.

At St. Andrew's church, Rev. Robert Devoy, rector, high mass and sermon will be at 10:30.

At the Advent Christian church, Rev. L. E. Peabody, pastor, at the morning service the subject will be, "The Prophet's Vision of To-day." Evening service will have for subject, "Hiding and Seeking."

At the vesper service in Congregational church tomorrow afternoon, when the college quarter of the University of Vermont will be present, the speaker has been changed and instead of Mr. Ellis, L. W. Richards, who was with Dr. Greenleaf last summer, will be present and speak of his experiences.

Miss Kathleen LeBaron received several notices following her entertainment in Montpelier Tuesday evening. Next Friday, the 19th, she gives the entertainment in the opera house here.

An interesting letter from Mrs. Annie P. Hutchinson, widow of Dr. Marcello Hutchinson, former superintendent of the Vermont state hospital, for the insane, tells that she is in Wakefield, Mass., for the winter with the doctor's sister, Miss Lydia Hutchinson. The youngest child, Gertrude, is a senior in the Wakefield high school, while the son, Palmer, is in the laboratory of the Lox-Risso company and Miss Mildred, who followed her graduation from Smith college, spent a year in Spain, is teacher of French and Spanish in Miss Wilcox's school in Baltimore. It may also be interesting to friends here to know that Palmer enlisted in the air service, spending three months at Princeton, N. Y.; two months at Dallas, Tex., and three months at Sacramento.

Most of the cases of whooping cough in Duxbury are improving and some are being released from quarantine. One of the first to be out was Miss Avis Albott.

The Waterbury inn is putting on holiday attire and is very pretty with its groupings of evergreen trees.

Supt. Harold Campbell, of whom Waterbury people are justly proud, has been sent to Charleston, S. C., on an important government mission.

The regular meeting of Knights of Pythias next Tuesday evening, some invitations for officers will be made and grand officers are expected to be present.

At the regular meeting of Mentor lodge, No. 51, next Tuesday evening, it is expected that C. G. Staples, grand marshal of the grand lodge of Vermont, will be present.

G. K. Whiting of Boston, treasurer of the C. Brigham company, was a business visitor in town Wednesday. He went from here to Cambridge and Morrisville and returned to Boston.

SOUTH RYEGATE

Mr. and Mrs. George Crowe went to Plattsburgh, Conn., Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Crowe's father, Rev. S. S. Martyn, which took place Sunday.

They returned Wednesday of this week. A gang of men has been engaged the past week in making a survey of the Wells river and adjacent land below Hilbert Samuelson's with a view to changing the course of the river to do away with two railroad bridges only a few rods apart.

Miss Roberta Brock is at home for a month's vacation, her school in Vershire having been closed because of the removal of several families from the neighborhood. She will take another school in the same town beginning on Jan. 1.

Mrs. P. M. Beckley attended the meeting of the state grange at Montpelier this week as a delegate from Grotton grange.

Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Harriman of Cedarville, O., announce the birth of a daughter, Rachel Elizabeth. Their numerous friends in this place extend warmest congratulations.

A spelling match was held at Wells River Thursday between the various grammar grades of the district, Grotton, Ryegate, East Ryegate, Wells River, Newbury and South Ryegate, 10 pupils from each school taking part. Miss Beulah Grant of South Ryegate was the individual winner and received the honors of the occasion and a cash prize of \$2.

In general average Wells River was the highest, Miss Blanche White, teacher.

Word has been received of the death of James O'Rourke, an old-time resident of South Ryegate, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hennessy, in Naugatuck, Conn.

Willie, an alder has gone to Scotland for a visit to his old home. His mother has recently died and this news caused him to hasten the trip, which he had been contemplating.

Miss Janie Heartz went to Dorchester, Mass., Thursday, where she has secured employment.

Mrs. D. E. Fisher was taken to Hanover hospital a week ago, died Wednesday morning and her body was brought home Thursday. The funeral services were held this afternoon in the United Presbyterian church, of which she was an honored member.

The pupils of the village school are planning to have a Christmas tree and play in grange hall Thursday evening, Dec. 18, to which the public is invited.

I. H. Gilliland attended the state grange at Montpelier.

A sale of Christmas gifts, including balls and polka-dot plants was held at the home of Miss Nellie Bone Thursday afternoon and proved most attractive and successful affair. She was assisted by her sister, Miss Ruth Gates, and cousin, Miss Ellen Bone.

Rev. D. M. McKinley, C. H. Taplin, Joseph Metcalf and E. J. Doe attended the funeral of Mrs. Daniel Aiken at Barnet Center Wednesday.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION

Charles LeBourveau Elected President of Hotel Corporation.

A certificate of incorporation has been granted by the secretary of state to the N. P. Wheeler Hotel corporation of White River Junction, with a capital stock of \$150,000.

At a meeting to organize said corporation, held at the First National bank, Friday morning, Dec. 12, the following officers were elected: President, A. Charles LeBourveau; vice-president, A. G. Whitcomb; treasurer and general manager, N. P. Wheeler; clerk, H. F. Kingsley; auditor, Everett J. Eaton.

This new corporation takes over the Junction house hotel property, real and personal.

Dr. and Mrs. Burnett of Hartford left Friday for New York and will sail from there Monday, Dec. 22, for Florida.

David A. Pingree has been in Woodstock the large part of the week on legal business in the Windsor county court.

Donald Randall, who has been employed by F. H. Perkins, left Monday night for New York City.

Miss Bertha M. Holden from the University of Vermont, representing the home economics, spoke before the members of the Loyal club and invited guests on the care and selection of clothing. Miss Holden gave a very interesting talk and surely understood her topic. There was a good-sized gathering present and after the address the club served refreshments and a social hour was enjoyed by all.

The young ladies of Uncle Sam's Canning club assisted in the short talk. Mr. Fogg, the agent of the Windsor county farm bureau, also gave a short talk. All who attended the lecture felt highly repaid for coming.

GROTON

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Goodwin of Westville are both seriously ill. Mrs. Minnie White of South Ryegate is assisting in caring for them.

Mr. and Mrs. George Dugan are visiting relatives in Boston and Quincy, Mass.

R. A. Davidson, R. L. Heath and Milo Whipple have been in Chelsea several days this week attending court, where they were called as witnesses.

Hosie Page has purchased the farm of A. J. Page, his father. The last named with his wife will pass the winter in Massachusetts with their daughter.

Miss Sophronia Frost of Wells River is visiting her sister, Mrs. Frank Morrison.

Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. Stead Thornton, pastor. Sunday morning service at 10:45. Sunday school at 12. Evening service at 7:30.

Midweek service Thursday evening at 7:30. Topic, Sunday morning, "The Cry of the Wounded Soul." Evening topic, "Thy Kingdom Come."

Miss Dunclee of Limeboro, N. H., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. McKay.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McAllister of South Ryegate were recent visitors of Mrs. L. G. Welch and family.

EAST MONTPELIER

G. A. Foster is working on the section, taking W. J. Adams' place, who is confined to his home with the grip.

Guy Raymond has finished work for George Pray and has gone to work for W. G. Gladding.

C. P. Dally's musical convention will be held Jan. 15 and 16 instead of Feb. 14 and 15, as stated in a previous issue.

SAVED BY A GRIZZLY.

Bear in St. Louis Zoo Drives Off His Mate from the Keeper She Attacked.

Louis Spero, bear-keeper at the zoo, Forest park, owes his life to the practically human and humane assistance of the male grizzly bear, who intervened and saved him when he was ferociously attacked by the female grizzly at the zoo.

Spero got a long, deep gash in his right arm, a similar wound on his right thigh, and several minor scratches on the face and head.

The Kipling kind of what he spoke when he wrote: "The female of the species is more deadly than the male."

The female grizzly made her unexpected attack on Spero as he was cleaning the grizzly cage. The attendant has been doing this work for many years, and always considered the bear safe—indeed, believed they welcomed his presence in their cage.

He was not paying any attention to the bears when he was struck a terrible blow from behind and thrown flat. He found the female bear standing over him, growling fiercely and evidently in a terrible temper. There were several other grizzlies about the cage at the time.

These men horrified, calling for assistance. Spero was not knocked unconscious and retained presence of mind to lie still.

At this crisis the male bear intervened. He strode across the prostrate body of the keeper and shouldered the female away. His interference was rewarded with fierce growls, slaps and bites, but he persisted, and by his superior strength pushed the female far enough away to save Spero from her claws.

The cries of the keeper and of the spectators brought Edward Hampton and William Batten, woodchoppers, who were working close by, to Spero's rescue. The woodmen poked the female bear with their hooks and axes and diverted her attention long enough to permit two bystanders to drag Spero out of the cage.

M. C. Angermeyer, superintendent of the zoo, said Spero was known for his patience and kindness to animals, which explained the grateful intervention of the male grizzly in his behalf.

The grizzly, Angermeyer says, is almost human in his ability to think or to reason.

Observers of animals give the grizzly credit for being by all odds the smartest of the carnivores. The men at the Forest park zoo are said to be fine specimens of their species. The female has been well thought of by attendants and was regarded as amiable.

The temper of all wild animals held in captivity is testy, Angermeyer said. They will be perfectly safe and affectionate for long periods, even for years, and will then attack a favorite keeper without a moment's notice. As bears are hibernating, or winter sleeping, animals in their natural habitat, Angermeyer said, they were subject to fits of ill temper during the winter months.—Chicago Tribune.

HARDWICK

Mrs. J. H. Wright has been seriously ill the past few days.

Mrs. G. A. Dixon was a visitor in St. Johnsbury Friday.

Mrs. Louise Shattuck went to St. Johnsbury Friday to resume her position in the family of Charles Hoyt. James Impey of St. Johnsbury has been in town a part of the week on business.

The legion basketball team went to Woodbury Thursday evening and received an unmerciful trimming, the score being 41 to 6. These two teams will play here the 19th and there promises to be some sport.

Cy Chandler died at the Hardwick hospital Thursday morning and the remains were taken to the undertaking rooms and prepared for burial.

Mr. Chandler was a resident of Craftsbury and had been a patient at the hospital for a long time.

Mrs. Carroll Leach is in Burlington to see her husband, who is a patient in the Mary Fletcher hospital.

Misses Mary Schlarman and Dorothy Dwinell were visitors in Burlington Saturday.

Mrs. Oscar Schlarman returned the last of the week from an extended visit in Lynn and Boston.

W. L. Dow returned Thursday from an extended trip to the state of Washington.

Word was received here Thursday of the death in Haverhill, Mass., of Mrs. Dr. Carroll W. Still.

The installation of the newly elected Modern Woodmen of American officers will be held on the second Tuesday evening in January. The following officers were elected: Consul, J. C. LaJoy; past consul, J. A. Gallagher; advisor, J. J. Dillon; clerk, A. C. Hooker; escort, P. A. Shattuck; banker, Andrew Sumner; physicians, Drs. A. D. Ferris, R. J. Harvey and A. C. Kinney; watchman, A. E. Badger; sentry, J. B. Hooker; trustee for three years, J. A. Gallagher. It is hoped that Walter Jones can be secured for installing officer.

J. E. Mitchell has gone to Springfield, where he has employment in a shoe shop.

Jim Marr, who received an injury to one eye a few days since by being hit by a flying piece of steel, went to Boston Tuesday night, where he was to consult a specialist in regard to the injured eye.

MARSHFIELD

The subject of the pastor's sermon next Sunday morning will be, "The Image of God in Man." There will also be an illustrated address for the children. Sunday evening, following the Christian Endeavor service, the pastor will speak on "The Contest of the Planets, or What Will Happen This Week?"

A wire, the ends of which were frozen in the ground, was the cause of Mrs. Henry Smith falling in her yard one day recently. No bones appear to have been broken, but a severe shaking up and many bruises resulted.

Miss Anna Burnham is confined to the bed and under the care of a physician, as a result of a severe cold.

Rev. M. W. Hale of Cabot, county supervisor of the interchurch movement, was in town yesterday in connection with that work.

Mrs. Merton Morse is spending a few days this week in Montpelier.

FEW JOBS IN FRANCE.

Wrong Impression Gained by Ex-Servicemen in United States.

For a month past, the office of the assistant to the secretary of war, in charge of French re-employment, has been receiving many letters from ex-servicemen all over the country, inquiring about reconstruction jobs in France at large wages. In some way or other the report has been spread widely that there are unlimited opportunities of this character, which is very far from the truth.

In bulletin No. 1, Col. Matthew C. Smith, executive head of the Washington bureau, says:

"Firms which have reconstruction contracts for France have been circulated by this office, and they state that they are not employing any labor there as yet. The supervising heads for such projects reconstruction are technicians, men already connected with their office personnel."

"There are very few jobs of any kind for American soldiers in France at this time, and the statement that contractors are now offering good pay to all ex-servicemen who will sign up is without foundation. The report that the French government wishes to hire foreign soldiers from the United States is also incorrect."

The number of discharged enlisted men seeking information about jobs in France clearly shows that the ex-doughboy, now that he has been home for a little while, seems quite willing to take another trip overseas. However, the best opportunities are in America.

Blows It.

Generally when a spendthrift "raises the wind" he makes the "dust" fly.—Boston Transcript.

BAD BREATH

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets Get at the Cause and Remove It

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets, the substitute for calomel, act gently on the bowels and positively do the work. People afflicted with bad breath find quick relief through taking them.

Dr. Edwards' Olive Tablets are a vegetable compound mixed with olive oil. They act gently but firmly on the bowels and liver, stimulating them to natural action, clearing the blood, and purifying the entire system. They do not irritate the stomach, do not weaken the bowels after effects. Take one or two every night for a week and note the pleasing effect. 10c and 25c a box.

Holiday Goods

We have our holiday goods on display, all ready for your inspection. We have a better line than for several seasons. Buy early before our assortment is broken. Come in and let us show you.

Lee and Clara B. Shortt

Marshfield, Vt.

WELLS RIVER

Spelling Contest in Local School District.

A spelling match was staged in village hall last Thursday afternoon between the scholars of Newbury, Grotton, South Ryegate, East Ryegate and Wells River schools. In the morning one team of 10 each from each school spelled, with Wells River winning on points.

In the afternoon first prize went to Miss Beulah Grant of South Ryegate, second to Katherine Buzzell of Newbury, third to Elizabeth Darling of Newbury, fourth to Miss Norma Welch of Grotton, Miss Velma Cushing of Wells River received honorable mention. The first prize was \$2, while \$1 each was awarded the others.

Later a basketball game was played between Grotton high and Wells River high second team, the former winning by the score of 10-7. In a girls' game played between two local high school teams the first team won by a score of 7-2. No admission was charged but a collection was taken which netted enough to pay for the hall and prizes.

On Dec. 17 a doubleheader of basketball will be staged between the local high school boys' and girls' teams and teams from Haverhill, N. H., high school.

Arthur Graves and wife from St. Johnsbury were visitors in town Thursday evening.

Mrs. Kidder and Mrs. Sargent of Woodsville went to Boston Wednesday night to visit a noted physician in regard to Mrs. Kidder's baby. Mrs. Kidder expects to be gone about three weeks.

Dr. Woodman accompanied them.

Miss Georgia Moore was the guest of Miss Farquharson at a dance at South Ryegate last Friday.

Harry Clark sustained a bad fall on the ice in front of Mrs. Webb Learned's last Thursday evening. When found by Mr. Stimson he was unconscious and was taken to his home. Dr. Dearborn was called and dressed the gash in his head. Outside of a severe shaking up he will soon be as good as new again.

The train service on the White Mountain was cut last Wednesday. Local south at 4:10 p. m. was cancelled, as was the northbound, due here at 2:30 p. m. The express trains will do this work. The evening train to the mountains will run only to Whitefield, N. H., instead of Berlin. Other changes were made on some of the branch roads. No changes were made on the Connecticut division north.

Holland has long been known as a cautious and canny nation. During the world war, the Dutch managed to remain neutral, though it was a difficult task. For four years they guarded their frontiers. Now they have taken to guarding the frontiers again, though there is no war. They are guarding against a danger which threatens every democracy of the world, and they are doing their work with characteristic Dutch thoroughness.

Not a man or woman can enter Holland until an intelligent official at the frontier is convinced that the entrant is utterly devoid of bolshevik taint. Anyone who is even mildly suspected is commanded to turn back. Holland is too overworked to make room for reds.

To keep out undesirable foreigners is wise and proper. Holland is going a step further in the same direction. Like all other nations of Europe, Holland has her own quota of red and undesirable. Some of these have wandered out of Holland, either bent on missionary work or merely traveling for business or pleasure. Now they cannot get back. The Dutch government feels that the country is well rid of this gentry, and grimly smiles when it listens to them hammering on closed barriers.

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